

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND
☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Restore or Retreat (in partnership with state government entities)

Travel date(s): April 12- 13, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$636.00	\$121	\$120 (\$60/day)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached agenda.

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04/21/17
(Date)

Blake Schindler
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

04/21/17
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Blake Millard Schindler

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Bill Cassidy

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Restore or Retreat and Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Travel date(s): April 12-13, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): New Orleans, LA and Galliano, LA

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

I work on Environmental policy as well as maritime policy. The projects described in the itinerary are projects directly related to the LA Coastal Master Plan and funded through RESTORE Act dollars. Further, Port Fouchon serves many of the offshore service vessels that partner with energy producers working in the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

03/10/17
(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

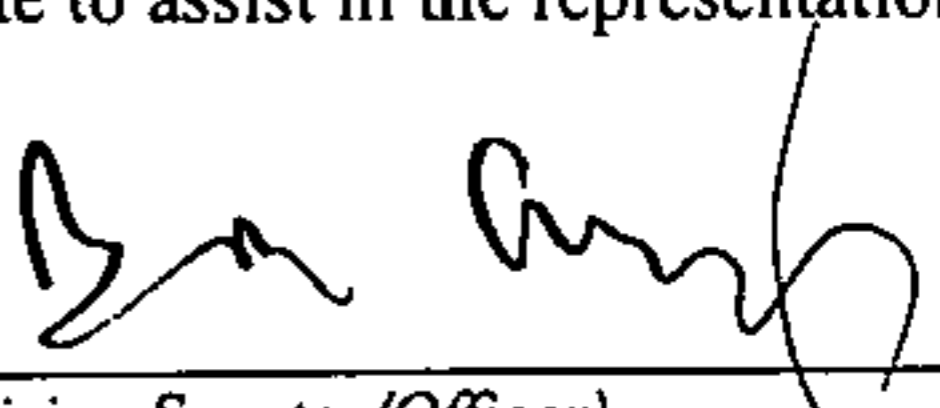
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Bill Cassidy hereby authorize Blake Schindler
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

03/10/17
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

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3. Dates of travel: April 12-13, 2017
4. Place of travel: New Orleans, LA and Galliano, LA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attachment 1
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

- AND -

☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

OR

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

OR

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Restore or Retreat is financing the trip and will coordinate logistics, execute the itinerary and prepare materials, in consultation with government entity partners and invited NGO guests.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

See attachment 2

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

No history of sponsoring Congressional trips

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Restore or Retreat is a 501(c)3 non profit that works daily to advocate for the large-scale, sustainable restoration of the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins of the MS River Delta. Our work includes educational briefings, field trips, and stakeholder/community meetings/outreach on specific projects and Master Plan

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$200-\$700 (\$200 for local staff not flying from DC)	\$156 (pretax)	\$120 (\$60/day)	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The entire agenda was planned specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

These are particularly good locations to observe Louisiana's land loss crisis, as well as future restoration opportunities.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Omni Royal Orleans, 621 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, 70130

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Convenient location and cost.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

We do not expect expenses to exceed per diem rates.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:


Commercial flights (economy class); chartered minibus; airboats; small aircraft

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Simone Maloz, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Restore or Retreat

Address: 322 Audubon Drive, P.O. Box 2048-NSU, Thibodaux, LA 70130

Telephone Number: 985-448-4485

Fax Number: 985-448-4486

E-mail Address: simone.maloz@nicholls.edu

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The Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion was originally authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1928, most recently amended in the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. It is located in St. Charles Parish on the west bank of the Mississippi River, approximately 15 miles upstream of New Orleans. The project was designed to divert fresh water, with its accompanying nutrients and sediments, from the Mississippi River into rapidly eroding the Barataria Basin – reducing saltwater intrusion and establishing favorable salinity conditions in the area, thus

combating land loss. We will tour the diversion structure along the river, and then, via airboat, tour the outfall channels into Lake Cataouatche and Lake Salvador.

2:30 pm: Depart for Omni Royal

3:30 pm: Check in at Omni Royal
Location: 621 St. Louis Street New Orleans, LA 70130

5:00-5:45 pm: Briefing
Program: Historical overview of Mississippi River Delta degradation and restoration and flight path preview by David Muth with the Restore the Mississippi Delta Restoration Coalition.

5:45 pm: Depart for dinner (short walk)

6:00-8:00 pm: Dinner at Dickie Brennan's Tableau
Program: Remarks from local chef Ryan Prewitt on the importance of coastal restoration to the tourism industry. Remarks and Briefing on Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan from Johnny Bradberry, Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities, and CPRA Staff
Location: 616 St. Peter Street New Orleans, LA 70116

RON Omni Royal

Thursday

7:30-8:00 am: Breakfast (grab and go option)
Location: Omni Royal

8:00-8:30 am: Depart Hotel for Lakefront airport
Program: Presentation by John Lopez, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Coastal Sustainability Program Director, on what we have learned from existing diversions

8:30-10:30 am: Coastal Flyover to Galliano
Program: Each plane will contain a guide who will narrate the flyover and highlight both the problem and projects underway to address it. Details below.

After taking off from the Lakefront Airport along Lake Pontchartrain, the flyover will take passengers through the Barataria Basin, over the proposed Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion site, and then west over the Morganza to the Gulf levee

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system in Terrebonne Parish. Participants will also see projects constructed with Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act funding.

After crossing the eroding marshes of eastern Terrebonne, the passengers will see a stunning aerial view of the growing deltas of the Atchafalaya River and Wax Lake Outlet. Headed back east, the route would then include a flyover of the barrier islands and constructed Caminada Headland project.

10:30/11 am-11:45 am:

Transportation to Port Fourchon

Program: Windshield tour to view Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection system, the degraded marshes outside the levee system, and the elevated LA-1 highway project narrated by Simone Maloz, Executive Director of Restore or Retreat and Joni Tuck, External Relations Manager of Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

12:00-1:00 pm:

Lunch Briefing at Port Fourchon EOC

Program: Presentation from Chett Chiasson, Executive Director Port Fourchon

Port Fourchon plays a strategic role in furnishing the country with about 18% of its entire oil supply. While the Greater Lafourche Port Commission actively pursues its purpose of stimulating commercial development, it accepts as part of its mission the responsibility of acknowledging the environmental value of the setting in which Port Fourchon is located. The Port Commission works diligently to protect and restore the coastal landscape and habitats the surround it.

1:00-2:00 pm:

Boat Tour of Port Fourchon

Program: Waterside tour of Port Fourchon led by Chett Chiasson, Executive Director of Port Fourchon

Waterside tour of Port facilities will include an up close look at current development, large scale offshore services facilities, as well as the first LNG vessel fueling station in the US. Participants will see the Port's mitigation area, maritime forest ridge in the distance, as well as the West Belle Pass project and Caminada Headlands on our way out to the jetties. While in that reach, Chett will also talk about planned port expansion, and how deepening their channel will yield up to 35 million cubic yards of material to be used largely for restoration works across the

region over and above the Port's planned development and associated mitigation.

1:00-2:00 pm:

(Alternate group) Boat Tour to GLPC Mitigation Area and Maritime Forest Ridge Project

Program: Joni Tuck, External Relations Manager for Port Fourchon, will lead a small group on a visit to the Port's Maritime Forest Ridge and mitigation area

Up to 4 participants can visit some of the nearly 1,000 acres of marsh restoration work that the Port has conducted as mitigation for its development since 2000. This also includes the Maritime Forest Ridge project, which is over and above any mitigation requirements and was the first attempt at restoration of a maritime forest ridge and is now home to a thriving forest.

2:00-3:00 pm:

Caminada Beach ATV Tour

Program: Participants will ride ATVs to view the 7 miles of restored beach and dune habitat narrated by Brad Miller, Project Manager for CPRA. Remarks from Tanner Johnson, Director of Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration Project is located south and east of Port Fourchon in Lafourche Parish which represents the largest investment to date by the State of Louisiana in a single beach or barrier island restoration project. The headland is a 14-mile-long undeveloped beach that stretches from West Belle Pass on the west to Caminada Pass on the east, protecting Port Fourchon, providing critical beach and dune habitat for nesting shorebirds, and accommodating culturally significant recreational activities in the form of fishing, crabbing, and beachcombing. This project has received federal funding through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act. It has also received funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which was created by Congress in 1984.

3:00 pm:

Depart for airport

6:30 pm:

American flight #4500 departs from MSY to DCA

6:45 pm:

Southwest flight #427 departs from MSY to DCA

Note: We will try to book all passengers on same flight but final details will depend on availability and cost at time of booking.

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**WALTON FAMILY
F O U N D A T I O N**

U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics
220 Hart Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

March 2, 2017

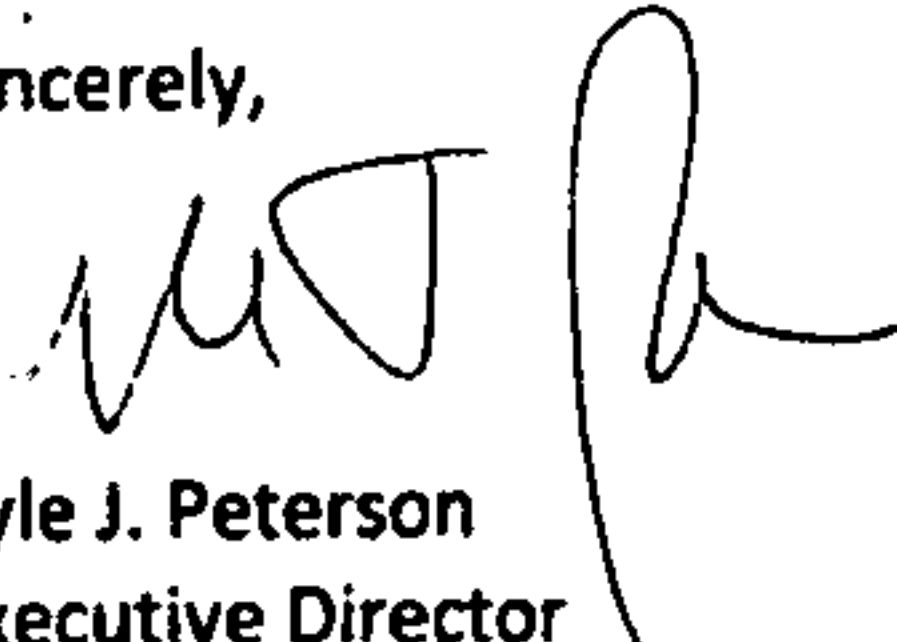
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to inform your office that the Walton Family Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization, has provided a grant to Restore or Retreat for the purpose of sponsoring a trip with Members and staff to coastal Louisiana. The Foundation is not, however, involved in the invitation of members or in the organization of the trip itself.

All required documentation has been provided to the respective Senate and House Committees on Ethics.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions in this matter.

Sincerely,



Kyle J. Peterson
Executive Director

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Last Name	First Name	Office	Title
Brunner	Jan	Environment and Public Works	Majority Counsel
Clapp	Doug	Appropriations (E&W)	Minority Clerk
Evans	Bruce	Appropriations	Majority Staff Director
Green	Geoff	Senator John Kennedy	Appropriations and Projects Director
Khrestin	Theda	Senator Roger Wicker	Legislative Director
Kieffer	Charles	Appropriations	Minority Staff Director
McKee	Scott	Energy and Natural Resources	Professional Staff Member
Murfitt	Lucy	Energy and Natural Resources	Senior Counsel
Owens	Tyler	Appropriations (E&W)	Majority Clerk
Rathburn	Kolo	Appropriations (CJS)	Professional Staff Member
Repko	Mary Frances	Environment and Public Works	Deputy Staff Director
Schindler	Blake	Senator Bill Cassidy	Legislative Assistant
Telle	Adam	Senator Thad Cochran	Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director
Wolverton	Tim	Senator Thad Cochran	Legislative Assistant

Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Restore or Retreat

Attachment 2

Restore or Retreat is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help identify and expedite the implementation of aggressive, large-scale restoration projects to protect the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins of the Mississippi River Delta. Participants will view some of those projects on the trip.

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19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

International House, 221 Camp Street, New Orleans, 70130

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Convenient location and cost.

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Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Simone Maloz, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Restore or Retreat

Address: 322 Audubon Drive, P.O. Box 2048-NSU, Thibodaux, LA 70130

Telephone Number: 985-448-4485

Fax Number: 985-448-4486

E-mail Address: simone.maloz@nicholls.edu

Itinerary

Purpose:

To educate Congressional offices on Louisiana's land loss crisis and the Coastal Master Plan to address it; discuss Gulf-wide collaboration and federal agency involvement in the effort; and demonstrate national economic importance of restoration, specifically by highlighting Port Fourchon operations, development and involvement in restoration activities.

Sponsoring Organizations:

Restore or Retreat, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (State Government), Greater Lafourche Port Commission (Local Government)

Participating Organizations:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition

Attire:

Casual. For boat tours, please wear appropriate shoes and bring sun protection.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

8:35-10:24 am:

American flight #5559 DCA to MSY

Contact for arrivals: Simone Maloz (Restore or Retreat) will meet the delegation at baggage claim #7 with a sign reading "Welcome Congressional Delegation" and will proceed to the bus.

Simone cell: 985-688-3290

11:00-11:30 am:

Chartered Bus to Davis Pond

Program: Welcome, introductions and presentation by Elizabeth Mabry (Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition): Framing an Issue of National Importance

11:30 am-2:30 pm:

Lunch Briefing and Davis Pond Tour

Participants will pre-select lunch from Cochon Butcher.

Program: Briefing at diversion structure by Bren Haase (CPRA) and John Troutman (CPRA) and viewing of outfall area followed by airboat tour narrated by Simone Maloz. Includes observations of beneficial freshwater into the area and benefits of proactive conservation management, as well as discussion on possible legislation needed for future adaptive management and appropriations.

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project was designed to divert fresh water, with its accompanying nutrients and sediments, from the Mississippi River into rapidly eroding the Barataria Basin – reducing saltwater intrusion and establishing favorable salinity conditions in the area, thus combating land loss. We will tour the diversion structure along the river, and then, via airboat, tour the outfall channels into Lake Cataouatche and Lake Salvador.

2:30-3:30 pm: **Chartered Bus to International House**

3:30 pm: **Check in at International House**
Location: 221 Camp Street New Orleans, LA 70130

4:45 pm: **Walk to Dickie Brennan's Tableau**
Location: 616 St. Peter Street New Orleans, LA 70116

5:00-5:45 pm: **Briefing**
Program: Historical overview of Mississippi River Delta degradation and restoration by David Muth (Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition) and presentation by John Lopez (Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation) on what we have learned from existing diversions, followed by discussion on the effects the history has on conservation management today, potential future restoration opportunities, and possible future legislative requests.

6:00-8:00 pm: **Dinner**
Program: Remarks from restaurateur Dickie Brennan and local chef Georgie Brower on the importance of coastal restoration to the tourism industry. Remarks and Briefing on Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan from Johnny Bradberry (CPRA).

RON International House

Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:45-8:00 am: **Drive to Lakefront airport**

8:00-8:30 am: **Pre-flight briefing and light breakfast**
Program: Flight path preview by David Muth
Location: Messina's at the Terminal, Front Café

8:30-10:30 am: **Coastal Flyover to Galliano**
Program: Each plane will contain a guide who will narrate the flyover and highlight both the problem and projects underway to address it. Details below on flyover details; discussion will cover observations to eroding landscape and

ramifications to the local environment and economy, as well as local, state, and federal efforts planned to restore the area and associated dialogue on how to implement projects, including and especially permitting.

After taking off from the Lakefront Airport along Lake Pontchartrain, the flyover will take passengers through the Barataria Basin, over the proposed Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion site, and then west over the Morganza to the Gulf levee system in Terrebonne Parish. Participants will also see projects constructed with Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act Funding.

After crossing the eroding marshes of eastern Terrebonne, the passengers will see a stunning aerial view of the growing deltas of the Atchafalaya River and Wax Lake Outlet. Headed back east, the route then includes a flyover of the barrier islands and constructed Caminada Headland project.

10:30-11:45 am:

Transportation to Port Fourchon

Program: Windshield tour to view Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection system, the degraded marshes outside the levee system, and the elevated LA-1 highway project narrated by Simone Maloz and Joni Tuck (Greater Lafourche Port Commission). Includes dialogue on concerns related to implementation of projects, including mitigation and permitting processes, and impact restoration of area will have on local, state, and national economies.

12:00-1:00 pm:

Lunch Briefing at Port Fourchon EOC

Program: Port presentation from Chett Chiasson (Port Fourchon)

Port Fourchon plays a strategic role in furnishing the country with about 18% of its entire oil supply. While the Greater Lafourche Port Commission actively pursues its purpose of stimulating commercial development, it accepts as part of its mission the responsibility of acknowledging the environmental value of the setting in which Port Fourchon is located. The Port Commission works diligently to protect and restore the coastal landscape and habitats the surround it.

1:00-2:00 pm:

Boat Tour of Port Fourchon

Program: Waterside tour of Port Fourchon led by Chett Chiasson. Discussion will include legislation and approval needed by federal entities for port growth, as well as explanation of synergies between energy and environment.

Waterside tour of Port facilities will include an up close look at current development, large scale offshore services facilities, as well as the first LNG vessel fueling station in the US. Participants will see the Port's mitigation area, maritime forest ridge in the distance, as well as the West Belle Pass project and Caminada Headlands on our way out to the jetties. While in that reach, Chett

will also talk about planned port expansion, and how deepening their channel will yield up to 35 million cubic yards of material to be used largely for restoration works across the region over and above the Port's planned development and associated mitigation.

2:00-3:00 pm:

Caminada Beach ATV Tour

Program: Participants will ride ATVs to view the 7 miles of restored beach and dune habitat narrated by Brad Miller (CPRA). Remarks from Tanner Johnson (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation).

The Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration Project is located south and east of Port Fourchon in Lafourche Parish which represents the largest investment to date by the State of Louisiana in a single beach or barrier island restoration project. The headland is a 14-mile-long undeveloped beach that stretches from West Belle Pass on the west to Caminada Pass on the east, protecting Port Fourchon, providing critical beach and dune habitat for nesting shorebirds, and accommodating culturally significant recreational activities in the form of fishing, crabbing, and beachcombing. This project has received federal funding through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act. It has also received funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which was created by Congress in 1984.

3:00-4:30 pm:

Chartered Bus to MSY

6:30-10:15 pm:

American flight #4500 MSY to DCA